



2 [ICE, CBP, DOJ announce international initiative against traffickers in counterfeit network hardware](#)

This ongoing initiative has resulted in more than 400 seizures of counterfeit Cisco network hardware and labels having an estimated retail value of more than \$76 million. It is being led by ICE, CBP and the FBI working in conjunction with the Criminal Division's Computer Crime & Intellectual Property Section, U.S. Attorney's Offices across the country, and the RCMP.

The initiative targets the illegal importation and sale of counterfeit network hardware, in particular network routers, switches, network cards and modules manufactured by Cisco. By intercepting the counterfeit hardware at ports of entry and dismantling illegal supply chains in the U.S., the operation has achieved significant successes in protecting the public from the risk of network infrastructure failures associated with these counterfeits.

The entire article can be found at:
www.ice.gov/pi/news/newsreleases/articles/080228washington.htm

3 [Despite 2006 Reforms, New Report Demonstrates California Desperately Needs Eminent Domain Reform](#)

With more than 700 redevelopment areas, hundreds of documented abuses of eminent domain since 2001, and tens of thousands of properties threatened by eminent domain, California is one of the states most in need of real eminent domain reform," declares the latest report from the Institute for Justice, *California Scheming: What Every Californian Should Know About Eminent Domain*.

Since the *Kelo* eminent domain case before the U.S. Supreme Court, the Castle Coalition, a grassroots project of the Institute for Justice, has tracked eminent domain and redevelopment laws nationwide as well as the thousands of properties that have been threatened or condemned through eminent domain for private development. This latest report, *California Scheming*, summarizes the California legal history and areas of contention within the state's eminent domain laws.

The entire report can be found at: www.ij.org/private_property/castle/3_10_08pr.html



4 [Rwanda: Patent Rights Key to Devt, MPs Told](#)

By James Buyinza (The New Times - 3/13/08)

Promotion of intellectual property rights can help propel the country to a knowledge-based economy, MPs have been told.

The Sec. General of the Ministry of Commerce, Investment Promotion, Tourism and Cooperatives, Justin Nsengiyimva, said yesterday that intellectual property rights were crucial for the enhancement of people's talents and innovation. Nsengiyimva said the Government was keen to protect people from duplication of their work by others, adding that it encourages investments in such areas as literature, entertainment and culture.

The entire article can be found at:
<http://allafrica.com/stories/200803130106.html>

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I invite you all to join the new Property Rights Action Caucus for weekly information & for defending these rights. Our liberties are only as secure as our property rights.

We will examine: eminent domain, federal government property ownership, downloading of multimedia, the Endangered Species Act, patent reform, pharmaceutical issues, compulsory licensing, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) & all issues of land and intellectual property.

Please contact Stephen Kraly at 202-225-4101 or stephen.kraly@mail.house.gov for membership and info.

5 [Oregon: Who really owns the river?](#)

By Damian Mann (Mail Tribune- 3/9/08)

A river runs through the middle of Steve Straughan's property near Trail — or does it? Straughan owns 1.8 acres that extend across the Rogue River to a sandbar on the other side. But the river portion might become a battleground if the state of Oregon attempts to take ownership, claiming the channel and banks belong to the public.

Straughan and many of the approximately 2,700 property owners in both Jackson and Josephine counties think the state's proposal could undermine property rights and spur legal action.

The entire article can be found at:
www.mailtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080309/

For more information on the Property Rights Action Caucus, please visit <http://broun.house.gov/prac>. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Caucus please contact Stephen Kraly at 202.225.4101 or Stephen.Kraly@mail.house.gov.